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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
Thursday, March 24, 2011

A special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- A. Commissioners Present: Pamela Melville, Chairperson; Stephen Penner, Traci Tucker.
- B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Sal Gonzalez; Unexcused – Tom Brandt.
- C. Youth Representatives: Absent – Jared Hirata; Present – Baylee Mayfield.
- D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; Steve Wright, Reedley Police Chief.
- E. Others Present: Jim Holm, Boys and Girls Clubs

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, that the minutes of February 24, 2011 be approved. The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.

4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Boys and Girls Club Update -**

Joel Glick indicated that this will be a joint venture between the City of Reedley and the Boys and Girls Clubs. They will be located at the Reedley Community Center. Measure G funds will partially fund this program.

Jim Holm, representing the Boys and Girls Clubs explained how the program will serve kids ages 6-18 and will be separated into two age groups (6-12 and 13-18). The program will run from after school and into the evening, 5 days a week, and possibly Saturday. During the summer it may run until 8:00 p.m., but earlier during the winter. They will have both full and part time staff. Initially, plans are being made for 100 kids, but ultimately they would like 300-400. There is a \$5 membership fee per year to participate. They find this makes the kids more invested in the program. Paperwork is sent home to the parents to sign, including a code of conduct. Mr. Holm explained that 7 areas are stressed in Boys and Girls Clubs:

- Character and Leadership Development (Community Service Projects)
- Education and Career Choices (including homework time)
- Fitness and Health

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- Recreation/Sports
- Arts (typically video production)
- Teen Pregnancy
- Gang Prevention

These last two are the big push. The Fresno Housing Authority is partnering with the Boys and Girls Clubs. In some locations, the programs are housed at their facilities. Mr. Holm expressed his appreciation for the City's enthusiastic support.

Chief Wright elaborated on the funding from the City. The City's contribution is from the Public Safety Sales Tax where a portion of it has been earmarked for programs such as this. The goal is to have the funding sustainable. Seed money will be given to start up the program with a stipend budgeted annually. A committee has been formed with members from a variety of organizations including school personnel, City staff and Council, as well as community members.

Motion by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to recommend approval of entering into the agreement with Boys and Girls Clubs to provide a program at the Reedley Community Center. Motion carried.

6. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

- A. Jared Hirata – Not present.
- B. Baylee Mayfield – Reported that she attended the kick off for the Boys and Girls Clubs at Grant Middle School.

7. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Joel Glick, Community Services Director
  - 1) Budget information will be presented at the next commission meeting.
  - 2) Rocky Rogers, City Manager has accepted a position in Oklahoma and will be leaving soon. A nationwide recruitment is underway to replace him. Twelve applications have already been received.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Commissioner Penner – Stresses that this city needs a new pool desperately. Although there have been plans to put it at the Sports Park, he feels strongly that it needs to be on the Reedley High School campus so that it is convenient for students to use. He stressed that the City only needs a recreational pool, not a competition pool. If located on the high school campus it could be used for physical education classes, as well as sports. Existing locker rooms could be utilized. He stressed that KCUSD and the City need to work together to accomplish this goal.
- B. Commissioner Melville – Is serving on the Finance Committee that is

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- working on the long range city budget.
- C. Commissioner Tucker – Asked if graffiti abatement was still done by the City.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

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Pamela Melville, Chairperson

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Joel Glick, Community Services Director

***Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.***